

Announcing the Easter Island Foundation Grant Program, 2001

THE EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION (EIF) announces its 2001 Grant Program for research on Pacific culture. Proposals in the fields of prehistoric or historic archaeology, physical anthropology, ethno-history, and other relevant fields will be accepted for evaluation. Interdisciplinary, collaborative research is strongly encouraged and projects should have a significant fieldwork component. The competition is open to scientists and scholars, including those without institutional affiliation. Grants will not exceed US\$10,000. Proposals must be in English and must be postmarked by May 15, 2001; decisions will be announced by August 15, 2001. Please direct inquiries and requests for proposal guidelines to: Christopher Stevenson, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 19-B Bollingbrook St., Petersburg, VA 23803. Ph: (804)-862-6191, Fax: (804)-863-1627; e-mail: obsidlab@aol.com

Guidelines for the 2001 EIF Grant Program

The Easter Island Foundation, An Institute for Pacific Studies has, as its mission, the study of Pacific culture with an emphasis on Easter Island.

1. Proposals may be submitted by citizens of any country. Proposals must be in English except for residents of Rapa Nui who may submit a proposal in Spanish.
2. The EIF promotes the study of Pacific culture and cultural development. Proposals in the fields of prehistoric and historic archaeology, physical anthropology, ethno-history, and other relevant fields will be considered. Interdisciplinary, collaborative research is strongly encouraged. It is expected that projects will include a significant field or museum component.
3. The competition is open to scholars with a proven record of scientific research, including those without institutional affiliation. Dissertation projects will not be considered.
4. Proposals should include the following:
 - a) A 100-150 word abstract.
 - b) A research design that includes: 1) a statement of the problem to be addressed; 2) its significance to understanding Pacific culture; 3) theoretical approach; 4) a summary of prior research; and 5) a description of the field and analytical methodologies. (Five pages maximum, single spaced)
 - c) References cited.
 - d) A project timetable, up to and including, submission of the final report.
 - e) A detailed budget, with explanation and justification.
 - f) The curriculum vitae of the Principal Investigator (PI) and collaborators.
5. Proposals will be reviewed by the members of the EIF Grants Committee, and may also be sent for anonymous review by outside authorities in relevant areas of study. However, the EIF will not provide evaluations of unsuccessful proposals. Principal Investigators are asked to submit the names and addresses of three possible reviewers.
6. If the proposed research is part of a larger research project, the portion to be funded by the EIF must constitute a discrete part of that project. If the EIF portion of the project cannot be completed without additional funding from other sources, we will not provide funding until the PI demonstrates conclusively that such funds are in hand.
7. Project budgets may not exceed US \$10,000. Funds will be administered by the PI's institution. The EIF will not pay institutional overhead. In the case of individual researchers, a detailed expenditure summary accompanied by receipts is required.
8. It is the responsibility of the PI to acquire all necessary research permits. The proposal cover letter must indicate the research permit status. If research cannot be completed because of a permit refusal, the EIF requires all funds to be returned.
9. Principal Investigators should send six copies of the proposal to: Christopher M. Stevenson, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 19-B Bollingbrook St., Petersburg, VA 23803. Proposals must be postmarked by May 15, 2001.
10. Within three months from the end of the grant period the PI is required to submit a research summary presenting the preliminary results of the research project.
11. The EIF reserves the right to post information on funded projects and research summaries on the EIF website and to include such information in the *Rapa Nui Journal*.
12. For further information about The Easter Island Foundation Grants Program, you may contact Christopher Stevenson at the above address or by fax: 804-863-1627 or e-mail: obsidlab@aol.com. Members of the EIF grants committee include: Peter Mills (University of Hawaii, Hilo), Sidsel Millerstrom (University of California, Berkeley) and Georgia Lee (Easter Island Foundation, Los Osos, CA).